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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
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From: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

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STRENGTHENING THE 241.1 PROJECT AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PILOT FOR CROSSOVER YOUTH

On September 4, 2012, a motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in conjunction with the Juvenile Court and the Departments of Mental Health (DMH), Health Services (DHS), Public Health (DPH), Public Defender, Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation, to report back in 30 days on the following issues relating to enhancing services for transition-aged youth and preventing crossover into Probation; and direct DCFS and Mental Health to concurrently work with County Counsel and the CEO to identify funds, in conjunction with the County's Mental Health Commission and Commission for Children and Families, and expedite a process that comports with State law to support these programs:

- 1) Develop strategies to better serve crossover youth, including strengthening DCFS' Delinquency Prevention Pilot and Countywide expansion of the 241.1 Crossover Youth Project. This report should include the exploration of additional staffing, whether in-house or contracted, improved coordination and oversight, and all corresponding possible funding sources, including the feasibility of using MHSF funds through a mid-year adjustment to the plan;
- 2) Determine the specific means by which the efficacy and outcomes of the Delinquency Prevention Pilot and 241.1 Crossover Youth Project will be evaluated upon 12 months of implementation, in conjunction with the participating departments, to determine how success will be measured pursuant to the findings of the 2011 Conrad N. Hilton Report; and

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- 3) Request the CEO, County Counsel, and DMH to report back with a careful explanation of the Mental Health Services Act.

The CEO created a project plan which outlines the scope and deliverables of this motion, and established three workgroups to address them. The first workgroup, chaired by the CEO, includes representatives from DMH, DPH, DCFS, DHS, Probation, Public Defender, Juvenile Court, and County Counsel and is focusing on the program analysis and evaluation of the two crossover projects. The second workgroup, also chaired by the CEO, includes representatives from DMH, DCFS, and County Counsel, in consultation with the County's Mental Health Commission and Commission for Children and Families, and is developing funding recommendations for the projects. The third workgroup, chaired by County Counsel, includes representatives from the CEO and DMH, and is drafting a report for the Board that carefully explains the Mental Health Services Act. These workgroups either have begun meeting and/or are scheduled to meet several times over the next few weeks.

It has been determined that additional time is needed to finalize the program and fiscal analysis and evaluation. Therefore, we request a 30-day extension to complete this report.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Antonia Jiménez at (213) 974-7365, or via e-mail at ajiimenez@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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